

Legislative Host Information 2005
Placement Week November 15-19, 2004

Office Name: **Senator Olympia J. Snowe**

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	
> 10	X

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	
No	X

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted?

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	X
No	

Office Overview

Please clearly define all acronyms used. Thank you.

Brief Overview of Your Office's work: (Please limit to 150 words.)

Senator Snowe is a recognized leader in the Senate for her work on ocean and fishery issues and is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Maine's coastal communities. The Senator has worked tirelessly to create a legislative framework that will lead to sustainable use and conservation of ocean resources.

In her current position as Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, which has oversight responsibilities for NOAA's marine programs and policies, the Senator has presided over hearings and legislative initiatives on ocean and coastal issues of national significance. The Senator will continue to review and act on key recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

Senator Snowe's Subcommittee bills for the 109th Congress likely will include a NOAA Authorization Act; Ocean and Coastal Observation Systems Act; and reauthorizations of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Assignment Description.

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	
1-3 days / month	X
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

The Fellow needs to be an effective communicator. Writing and editing skills are important, as is being able to collaborate with congressional and agency staff. The Fellow needs to be able to work with lobbyists and constituents representing diverse interests, including environmental organizations and commercial fishermen. The Fellow should also be able to work as part of a team and be adaptable to a dynamic pace of work, as the needs of the moment (which can be multiple!) can change quickly.

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation	House Committee on Resources
Office of Senator John Kerry	House Committee on Science
	Office of Congressman Tom Allen

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

Current ocean and fishery issues of significance to Senator Snowe's constituents include the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan for groundfish, Atlantic salmon restoration, and North Atlantic Right Whale conservation. On these as well as national marine issues, the Fellow can expect to prepare briefing memos, statements, letters, and talking points for Senator Snowe; participate in constituent meetings and issue briefings; work with the Senator's Subcommittee staff to organize hearings; research, review, and propose legislation; participate in legislative negotiations; and track House legislation.

The Fellow will become very familiar with all stages of the legislative process, from determining the need for legislation to seeing it signed into law (ideally!). The Fellow will also learn about a wide range of ocean, coastal, and fishery resource issues of importance, both nationally and to the State of Maine. Writing, researching, communicating, and negotiating skills will be sharpened as the Fellow contributes to the lawmaking process.

The ultimate deliverable to which the Fellow can contribute would be the passage of a bill into a law that enables better conservation and management of marine environments and resources. Within this long process the Fellow can contribute to other important deliverables, including carrying out an effective hearing, reaching consensus on legislative language, and successfully navigating a bill through Committee amendments and votes.